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Alexandra Boyd Arkansas Department of Education Division of Learning Services, Charter Schools Unit Four Capitol Mall, Room 304-B, Little Rock, AR 72201

March 6, 2017

Delivered via email

RE: Letter of Intent to Open New Charter School in SY 2018-19

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Einstein Group, Inc., a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, intends to apply for an open-enrollment public charter school during the 2017 application cycle. Einstein currently operates four open enrollment charter schools in New Orleans serving 1,400 students in PK-9. The proposed charter school in Arkansas will open during the 2018-19 school year in the Greater Little Rock metropolitan area and will initially serve three hundred students in Kindergarten through Third grade. At full capacity, the school will serve six hundred seventy five students in grades Kindergarten through Eighth. The name of the proposed school will be Einstein Charter School @ (the current name of the school facility).

The primary contact for this application will be the following:

Shawn Toranto, CEO Einstein Group, Inc. 4801 Maid Marion Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70128 (504) 715-6484, shawn toranto@einsteincharterschools.org

The future school will subscribe to the mission of Einstein Charter School: to promote academic excellence in teaching and learning through the integration of mathematics and science in interdisciplinary curricula and to promote the ideals and habits of lifelong learning among all stakeholders. As a STEM focused school, its teachers will use data-driven instruction to provide an individualized education to every student, taking full advantage of blended learning. We intend to offer the Greater Little Rock Community a community school with a nurturing learning environment where all are welcome, regardless of prior academic success.

Respectfully,

Shawn Toranto, CEO Einstein Group, Inc.

Cc:

Mr. Johnny Key, Commissioner, Arkansas Department of Education; Mr. Michael Poore, Superintendent, Little Rock School District; Dr. Jerry Guess, Superintendent, Pulaski County Special School District; Mr. Kelly Rodgers, North Little Rock School District

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